

## Arafat meets Pertini in Rome

ROME (R) — President Sandro Pertini of Italy reiterated his support for a Palestinian homeland during a meeting with PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat Thursday. The PLO office here said. A PLO statement issued after Mr. Arafat made a courtesy visit to the Quirinale Palace said Mr. Pertini "renewed his support for the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people, including the right to self-determination and an independent state." Mr. Pertini, an outspoken 87-year-old socialist, has made several appeals for a Palestinian homeland in the past. The PLO statement said Mr. Pertini told Mr. Arafat that support for the Palestinian people was "a moral duty for all free and honest people in the world." Later on Thursday, Mr. Arafat returned to his Tunis headquarters.

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## Arafat, Mitterrand to meet in Amman

AMMAN (J.T.) — French President Francois Mitterrand will meet PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat during a visit to the French president is scheduled to pay to Jordan next month, the Associated Press quoted Palestinian sources as saying Friday. PLO officials are holding consultations with the French government on the planned meeting, the news agency quoted the sources as saying.

## Jackson not to reject vice-presidency

WASHINGTON (R) — Jesse Jackson said Thursday he would not rule out running for vice-president if Walter Mondale, the apparent Democratic presidential nominee, asks him to be on the ticket. At a press conference, the black civil rights activist and presidential candidate said: "All my political options remain open for political service," when asked if he would consider running with Mr. Mondale.

## Sudan hangs thief in public

KHARTOUM (R) — A convicted Sudanese thief was hanged publicly Friday and his body left on display for 30 minutes in the first such execution since Sharia (Islamic law) was introduced here last September. About 7,000 people watched the hanging in the Justice Square outside Kober Prison. The body was to have been crucified after the hanging in accordance with Islamic law, but the prison director said this was not done because the necessary equipment was not available. Instead the body was left hanging for 30 minutes.

## Veteran Pakistani diplomat dies

PEKING (AP) — One of Pakistan's most distinguished diplomats, Nawabzada Agha Mohammad Raza, former ambassador to China, France and the United States, has died of a heart attack in Peking. The 79-year-old retired general died on Thursday, the Pakistan embassy announced.

## Rabin says 20,000 fighters in Lebanon

TEL AVIV (R) — Former Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin said Friday that more than 20,000 Palestinian fighters were stationed in east Lebanon's Bekaa Valley, Israel Radio reported. Mr. Rabin told a businessmen's association in the north Israeli port of Haifa an additional 2,000 commandos were in Beirut, according to state radio.

## Two die in Belfast gunbattle

BELFAST (R) — A policeman and a Republican guerrilla leader died and two other policemen were injured, one of them seriously, during a raid on an apartment in west Belfast Friday, police said. Police said they had been fired on during a joint police-army search of a house in a Catholic area of the city and had shot back, killing one of the occupants.

# Iran offers to stop attacks on shipping

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Iran Friday said it was prepared to end attacks on shipping in Gulf if Iraq also agrees to do the same as Baghdad warned it would crush any new Iranian offensive in its borders.

The Iranian offer was made by its parliament speaker, Hojatoleslam Ali Akbar Rafsanjani, who said the agreement to stop attacks on shipping would be an extension of last Monday's acceptance between warring Iran and Iraq of a U.N.-sponsored call to halt attacks on each other's towns.

Mr. Rafsanjani, a member of Iran's inner war cabinet, said in a sermon at a Friday prayer meeting: "We declare to the United Nations that if the Iraqis do not strike in the Gulf, we will not fire even one bullet."

Mr. Rafsanjani, who is also speaker of the Iranian parliament, said Iran welcomed the agreement arranged by U.N. Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar for Baghdad and Tehran to stop attacks on each other's towns.

"We say the same thing about the Gulf," he said.

About 40 merchant ships, including vessels owned by Kuwait and Saudi Arabia, have been hit in air attacks by both Iran and Iraq this year, mainly since mid-April. The two countries have been at war for 44 months.

The last reported missile attack was against the Kuwaiti-owned supertanker Kazi-nah east of the Gulf state of Qatar last Sunday. Kuwait blamed Iran for the strike.

Iran has said attacks on ships using ports in Gulf Arab states were in retaliation for Iraqi raids on tankers using Iran's main oil export terminal at Kharg Island, in the north of the waterway.

The agreement to stop bombing towns along the common border between Iran and Iraq came after a spate of attacks on towns by both sides, which left several hundred

people dead and wounded. Mr. Rafsanjani made no mention Friday of a possible new and widely-anticipated Iranian ground offensive, for which Tehran is reported to have mobilised many thousands of troops.

Arab diplomats here said that one factor accounting for the delay of the Basra offensive was Iraq's recent acquisition of two new types of Soviet-made air-to-surface missiles, AS-6 and the AS-4.

Iran claimed later Friday that seven people were wounded Thursday in Iraqi long-range shelling of the Abadan port area — the first civilian casualties reported since last Monday's agreement.

An Iranian military communiqué said a hospital in Abadan was damaged in the same artillery attack. The seven civilians were wounded in Khosrowabad district of the port, it said.

But the communiqué carried by IRNA, the official Iranian news agency, did not indicate whether this was regarded in Tehran as breaching the agreement.

## Iranian warning

Meanwhile the Iraqi air force commander told a group of journalists in Baghdad that the blockade on Iran's Kharg Island oil shipping terminal was "but the harbinger of a broader operation against Iran, should the Tehran regime persist on pursuing the war and threaten Iraqi and Gulf interests."

He said that the Iraqi air force pilots were "perfectly capable of defending the security of the whole Gulf region against any foe."

ish adventure by the Iranian regime" of Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini.

## U.N. forms teams

Meanwhile the United Nations announced that two teams each of three military observers and a civilian were set up Friday to monitor the accord between Iran and Iraq to stop attacks on civilian targets.

"Each team would be ready to proceed to the respective country as soon as so requested by its government," Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar, who made the arrangement, said in a letter to the president of the Security Council.

The teams will be drawn from the U.N. Middle East Trust Supervision Organisation, UNTSO, but Joe Sills, the U.N. spokesman, said he did not know where they would be based, nor did he know the nationalities of the contingents.

"They would be prepared to move very rapidly and we feel this mechanism would be adequate for reporting," he said.

Mr. Sills said that Said Rajaei Khorassani, Iranian chief delegate, was expected to call on Mr. Perez de Cuellar later Friday at the ambassador's request.

Asked about Mr. Rafsanjani's offer to bar attacks on Gulf shipping, Mr. Sills said Mr. Perez de Cuellar had no comment on this. He was aware only of the press accounts.

The secretary-general would go to Washington on Monday for talks with U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz about the Gulf crisis, the Middle East peace mission that he completed on Wednesday, and the Afghan question.

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KING ATTENDS FRIDAY PRAYERS: His Majesty King Hussein performs Friday prayers at the Prince Mohammad Mosque near the Jordan broadcasting service. Their Highnesses Prince Abdullah and Prince Faisal, Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, Armed Forces

Commander-in-Chief Lieutenant-General Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, Minister of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs Khalaf Daoudieh, Public Security Director-General Lt.-Gen. Mohammad Idris, a number of senior officials and a large gathering of the faithful also attended the Friday prayers and sermons (Petra photo)

## Eight Iranian defectors seek asylum in Egypt

CAIRO (R) — Eight Iranian defectors who commandeered an Iranian airliner Friday surrendered to the authorities at Luxor airport in Upper Egypt after landing the aircraft there.

Egyptian security sources said they were taken into custody by military intelligence while their request for asylum in Egypt is considered.

Egyptian Defence Ministry officials said the aircraft, a twin-engine Fokker Friendship F-27, carried only eight people and not 44 as originally thought by Egyptian authorities. Some of those aboard were military personnel, the Egyptian officials said.

Egyptian security named the aircraft's captain as Lieutenant-Colonel Hussein Ghaderman and his co-pilot as Lieutenant Colonel Mohammad Shobek.

The Middle East News Agency (MENA) said the plane was on its way to the Iranian capital Tehran when it was commandeered. It did not say where the flight originated.

"The hijacked Iranian plane landed at Luxor airport this (Friday) afternoon, four hours after it was hijacked at Bahrain airport," the agency said.

This would appear to mean the actual hijacking occurred at Bahrain, but reports from Manama did not make this clear. The reports simply said the plane landed at Manama, was parked for two hours at the edge of the main runway and then took off after refuelling.

## 'Obeidat: Jordan committed to deeds of Arab solidarity

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan is keen to translate vows of Arab solidarity into practical deeds, which are of vital importance in the light of the current situation in the Arab World, Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat has said.

Jordan, Mr. 'Obeidat said, under the leadership of His Majesty King Hussein, has been shouldering its responsibilities and fulfilling its commitments towards the Arab and Islamic worlds.

King Hussein and Sultan 'Jabos also reviewed Jordanian-Omani relations and co-operation in various fields, the prime minister said.

In reply to a question on the Iran-Iraq war, Mr. 'Obeidat said if the Arabs are unable to adopt a unified stand and seek an end to the conflict, "the only possibility is that the war will continue."

He called on the six-member Gulf Co-operation Council (GCC) which groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates in a regional defence economic and defence alliance, to co-ordinate their stands so as to be

on ways to achieve Arab solidarity.

The King's talks in the Gulf covered the current situation in the region in the light of the continuing Iran-Iraq war, the attitudes of the superpowers towards the conflict, ways to end the continuing war, Arab efforts to seek an effective European role in Middle East peace efforts and means to hold the next Arab summit as soon as possible.

Mr. 'Obeidat added that Jordan and the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) have agreed on joint moves on the Arab arena to prompt Arab countries to meet their obligations to Jordan and the PLO to enable the Joint Jordanian-Palestinian Fund to perform its tasks effectively.

Mr. 'Obeidat added that Jordan and the PLO have also agreed to move jointly on the European and international arenas, with a view to finding a just solution to the Palestine question.

In answer to a question about the situation in Lebanon, Mr. 'Obeidat expressed hope that the various Lebanese political parties take into consideration the Lebanese people's actual wish to live peacefully and freely in an independent and unified Lebanon.

## Kidnappings underscore tension as Beirut awaits Syrian efforts

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Rival militias hijacked 19 trucks travelling through the only open gateway between east and west Beirut Friday, and a group of citizens began a "passive resistance" campaign against the civil war.

The semitrailer trucks were seized during the morning rush hour at the mid-city museum crossing by rival mostly Christian and mainly Muslim militiamen on opposite ends of the gateway.

Although no shooting was reported, policemen and French truce observers closed the crossing to public traffic for more than an hour, fearing an outbreak of fighting.

A security committee that is made up of representatives of the main warring factions reopened the crossing after the release of the truck drivers. The militiamen, however, kept the trucks for several hours and released them in the afternoon after the intervention of the Lebanese police chief, Col. Othman Othman.

A few hours after the hijackings, a group of citizens representing a new peace movement — set up a

checkpoint between those of the militiamen at the museum crossing.

Like militiamen, they stopped cars. But instead of identification checks, the anti-war group asked people in passing vehicles to sign a petition declaring "a struggle for forbidding the use of arms for resolving differences" in Lebanon.

The committee collecting the petitions was set up earlier this year to organise a massive anti-war peace march. The march, scheduled for May 6, was cancelled when militias initiated a heavy artillery bombardment of residential areas the day before, killing 24 people and wounding 134 others.

At the petition drive was under way, sniper fire echoed from the "green line." Rival militiamen kept up a steady exchange of snipe fire, and police said four civilians in neighbourhoods adjacent to the line were wounded.

Friday's kidnappings reflected continued tension between Lebanon's rival militias, which on Monday engaged in bloody artillery duels that killed 105 people and wounded 250.

In a bid to defuse the tension and break a deadlock between Christian and Muslim leaders in the government, President Amin Gemayel has invited Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam to Beirut to resolve serious differences between them.

Mr. Khaddam was expected to arrive during this weekend. Political sources said he would meet Mr. Gemayel, Prime Minister Rashid Karami and rival cabinet ministers to press for establishment of a firm ceasefire in Beirut and crucial army reforms.

The Syrian government newspaper Tishrin Friday warned that anyone working against reforms and reconciliation in Lebanon was "playing with fire" and demanded that Lebanese army troops fighting beside rightist Christian militiamen pull out of the fighting.

It said Syria "will not tolerate" anyone trying to undermine Karami's government.

Monday's shelling brought numerous condemnations from religious leaders and politicians, including former Sunni Muslim Prime Minister Saeb Salam.

## Shaka'a says Israelis knew who maimed him

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — A former Palestinian mayor in the occupied West Bank has accused Israeli authorities of knowing from the start the identities of Jewish terrorists who planted the 1980 car bomb that blew off his legs.

In an interview with the weekly Ha'ir newspaper published Friday, the former mayor of Nablus, Bassam Shaka'a, was quoted as saying "the (military) administration knew all along" the assailants' identity.

Mr. Shaka'a and another Palestinian mayor were maimed in the 1980 car bombings and an Israeli policeman was blinded.

Some of the 24 suspected members of a Jewish underground terrorist network whose trial begins next week have been charged with attempted murder in the bombings. Two Israeli military officers are among those charged in the case.

Mr. Shaka'a said he was "certain" there were direct or indirect connection between the Israeli authorities and the underground.

Those suspected members are mostly Jewish settlers in the West Bank and occupied Golan Heights. "The ideology is certainly very similar," he was quoted as saying.

Mr. Shaka'a was quoted as saying the authorities exposed the underground simply "for election propaganda" before the July 23 national balloting.

Asked about the 18-month prison term for possession of explosives handed down to the only underground suspect sentenced so far, Mr. Shaka'a said: "If it were

an Arab his house would have been destroyed and he would have sat in jail all his life," the newspaper said.

Mr. Shaka'a denied that he had been silent since the April arrests of the Jewish terror ring. "It's not because I am quiet. My words get lost when newspapers are censored and demonstrations are banned," he was quoted as saying.

## Two suspects confess

On Thursday, two Israelis suspected of belonging to the Jewish terror group pleaded guilty to charges stemming from attacks on Palestinians in the occupied West Bank.

Twenty-seven Jews were arrested last April in connection with the anti-Palestinian underground.

Gilad Peli, 31, confessed to membership in a terror organisation, conspiring to blow up Jerusalem's Dome of the Rock mosque, and lesser charges after the prosecution agreed to plea bargaining.

The state prosecutor dropped a charge of attempted murder in exchange for Peli admitting the charge of membership in a terrorist organisation. It is the first time any of the defendants has admitted that an underground network existed.

Yosef Tsoria, 30, also confessed to conspiring to blow up the mosque, one of Islam's holiest sites, and to illegally possessing firearms.

The two face up to five years in prison. No date for sentencing was set.

## Swiss confirm Iran-Israel talks

BERNE (R) — The Swiss Foreign Ministry said Friday that Iranian and Israeli officials met in a Swiss embassy building in Paris, but this was a normal diplomatic facility granted because Berne represents Iranian interests in Israel. Earlier Friday Swiss Foreign Minister Pierre Aubert ordered an inquiry into allegations by the French satirical magazine Le Canard Enchaîné that Iranian diplomats and Israeli arms dealers had used Swiss embassy premises in Paris to clinch deals. "In the framework of its mandate to represent Iranian interests in Israel, Switzerland was asked to facilitate a meeting of delegations from both countries to discuss problems linked with the implementation of a former contract," the Foreign Ministry said in a statement. The magazine said that the talks resulted in the sale to Iran of spare parts and aircraft engines.

## Hussein returns after talks in Gulf

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein returned to Amman Thursday at the end of a Gulf tour that took him to Oman, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE). His talks with the leaders of these countries covered Arab affairs and the situation in the Gulf region.

The King and the leaders of the three countries stressed the need for maintaining a unified Arab stand in the face of all challenges confronting the Arab Nation in general and the dangers threatening the Arab Gulf region in particular.

King Hussein emphasised to these leaders Jordan's full solidarity with their countries and readiness to offer all possible efforts to achieve a unified Arab stand.

The talks were attended by Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat, Chief of the Royal Court Marwan Al Jaseem and Armed Forces Commander-in-Chief Lt.-Gen. Sharif Zaid Ibn Shaker, all of whom accompanied the King on the tour.

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# GCC renews appeal to U.N. to halt attacks on tankers

JEDDAH (R) — Saudi Arabia and its allied Gulf Arab oil states said Thursday they were asking United Nations Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to renew efforts by the world organisation to halt attacks on their oil tankers in the Gulf.

Foreign ministers of the Gulf Co-operation Council ended two days of discussions in the Saudi Arabian summer capital of Taif, near Jeddah, with a blandly-phrased communique condemning Sunday's missile attack on a Kuwaiti tanker, the Kazimah, Kuwait has blamed the attack on Iran.

The six foreign ministers, from Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Bahrain, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates and Oman did not, however, name Iran as the culprit. But they did say the attack defied U.N. Security Council resolution of June 1 which called for an end to such incidents.

Accordingly, they decided to continue their contacts with the

secretary general in order to implement the resolution.

The Iranians, however, still say ships of the Gulf states, which help to finance Iraq in its war with Iran, will not be safe unless Iraq stops attacking tankers laden with Iranian crude.

The ministerial statement, as carried by the official Saudi Press Agency, said nothing about Arab military preparations which were reviewed at a meeting of the Gulf states' defence ministers which Arab diplomatic sources said might be held later.

Instead, it sounded conciliatory, as Saudi Arabia's various pronouncements have done in the

week since one of its U.S.-supplied F-15 warplanes shot down an Iranian Phantom over the Gulf.

The communique said the Gulf states were weighing the crisis in the spirit of the U.N. charter and of "living in peace and good neighbourliness."

Within the past 24 hours the Saudi Defence Ministry has also issued a statement denying what it said were Iranian media allegations that a non-Saudi pilot flew the F-15 mission and that Saudi Arabia was collaborating with the United States in a plan to bomb Iran's oil installations.

Jeddah-based Arab and Western diplomats said the Saudis seem to be at pains to impress that they do not want a showdown with Iran and are ready to shoot only if provoked too far.

But Arab News, an English-language Jeddah newspaper, carried a story on Tuesday quoting an

informed Saudi source as saying that further attacks on tankers might halt the flow of Gulf oil and that that "would be a catastrophe."

Diplomats speculated that Gulf states might still prefer to co-exist with the Iranian revolution and hope that, rather than become embroiled in an expanded Gulf war, they could keep aerial warfare in the Gulf within tolerable limits.

Sources in the international oil market said, so far, what one oil company executive called "the occasional hit and scorch" had not seriously choked the flow of oil either from Iran or from the Arab states.

Offsetting higher insurance rates, Iran was discounting its price by up to three U.S. dollars a barrel, the sources said, and the Gulf states decided on Sunday to compensate buyers for any lost cargoes.

## Klibi blames Iran for continuing Gulf war

SEOUL (R) — The secretary-general of the 21-member Arab League, Chaddi Klibi, blamed Iran for the deadlock in multi-national efforts to stop the 44-month-old Iran-Iraq war.

Mr. Klibi, who arrived Wednesday on a three-day official visit to South Korea, told a press conference Thursday: "The tragedy in the Gulf continues because of Iranian rejections of international mediation efforts."

Mr. Klibi said Iraq had accepted all offers of mediation by the United Nations, the Arab League and other international organisations. "All international efforts to end the escalation of the war should be concentrated on convincing Iran (that it should) accept international mediation," he said.

Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati said Wednesday that Iran's conditions for ending the Gulf war were unchanged and the country would fight until they were achieved.

Mr. Klibi also said the Arab League was positively considering establishing a permanent mission in Seoul for improved bilateral ties.

Mr. Klibi, who also met President Chun Doo Hwan and Prime Minister Chin Iee-Chong, said his visit could help South Korea to establish diplomatic ties with more Arab states.

South Korea, which has supported the Palestinian cause and demanded the withdrawal of Israeli troops from occupied Arab territories, has yet to set up diplomatic ties with seven members of the league.

South Korea does not produce oil and relies on Middle East countries for 65 per cent of its crude oil needs.

Mr. Klibi is on an Asian tour which will also take him to Indonesia, Thailand and Bangladesh.

## Cairo arms factory blast kills 1

CAIRO (R) — A blast Thursday at an arms factory in a Cairo suburb which killed one person was accidental, Defence Ministry sources said.

They said the explosion, at about 9.30 am (0730 GMT), was caused by chemical reaction in a two-ton stockpile of gunpowder. Although the blast rocked the

capital and blew out windows several kilometres away, there was minimal damage to the plant machinery and buildings, the sources added.

Eyewitnesses said about 150 people were injured in the blast, but the ministry sources said only 50 were hurt. Some workers said they heard a noise like a low-flying plane beforehand, but military

sources denied that any aircraft was involved.

An injured worker, with a bleeding arm and a bandaged head, said: "It seemed like an earthquake. Everything came down on our heads."

The factory, in the northern industrial suburbs of Cairo, produces small arms ammunition.

## Turkish police detain 2 journalists

ANKARA (R) — Two Turkish journalists have been detained by police following a story published by their news agency alleging an attempt had been made to secure the escape of a jailed extreme right-wing political leader.

Staff at the independent Uslusal Basın Ajansı (national news agency), known as UBA, told Reuters that co-owner Muserref Seckin was detained in Ankara Wednesday and Istanbul Bureau Chief Cengiz Yildirim was taken in for questioning Thursday.

The detentions followed publication of a story by UBA Wednesday of an attempt to secure the escape from an Ankara military hospital of Alpaslan Turkes, leader of the now-banned Nationalist Action Party (NAP).

Mr. Turkes, 66, a former deputy prime minister, has been in jail since the 1980 military coup. He faces the death penalty on charges still being heard in court that NAP was behind much pre-coup political violence.

UBA staffers said martial law authorities had immediately ordered the agency to withdraw the story, which it did. There has been

no official confirmation or denial of the story.

UBA General Manager Baki Ozilhan was also wanted for questioning by police, staff members said.

Newspaper editors in Istanbul said martial law authorities Thursday ordered them not to publish sensational stories about the Iran-Iraq war or Cyprus.

Any news items on these subjects must be confirmed by officials first, the order said.

There have been numerous dramatic front-page stories in the press recently about the Iran-Iraq war following an Iraqi attack on a Turkish oil tanker in the Gulf earlier this month in which three Turkish crewmen were killed.

Newspapers have also published dramatic stories about Cyprus in advance of Turkish Cypriot leader Rauf Denktaş's visit to Ankara this week. These included allegations that the U.S. Central Intelligence Agency had threatened to kill Mr. Denktaş.

The press is subject to frequent censorship under martial law, and also to tough press laws allowing

newspaper closures and jail terms for journalist for stories said to be against the national interest.

### 10 sentenced to death

DIYARBAKIR (R) — A Turkish military court Thursday sentenced to death ten convicted members of an extreme leftist underground group at the conclusion of a mass trial here, military officials said.

The ten were among more than 150 accused of belonging to the Maoist group known as Tikkou, an armed faction with Kurdish links which was active before the 1980 military coup. They were charged with attempting to overthrow the state, murder, bank robberies and bombings.

The court sentenced two to life imprisonment and 82 to terms of between three months and 24 years. It acquitted 33 accused and deferred judgement on the remainder.

Military courts in Diyarbakir have sentenced dozens of people to death since the coup, mostly Kurdish separatist militants, and have jailed hundreds more.

## Turkish prison chief sentenced to death

ANKARA (R) — A former Turkish prison governor has been sentenced to death for beating a prison inmate to death, court officials said Friday.

They said Saim Sener, former governor of a prison in Izmit near Istanbul, was sentenced Thursday after being convicted of killing detainee Sadan Gazeteci four

years ago. Mr. Sener had been in custody since the killing.

Five prison wardens also convicted of involvement in Mr. Gazeteci's death were jailed for up to 17 years, the officials said.

Lawyers said they believed it was the first time the death sentence had been handed down in a torture case since the 1980 military coup.

There have been numerous allegations since then of death under torture.

The government denies torture is widespread and says every case is brought to court. Most of those convicted in the few torture cases made public have received jail terms of less than 10 years.

## U.S. to halt payments to Universal Postal Union if Israel is barred

WASHINGTON (R) — The Reagan administration said Thursday the United States would stop payments to the Universal Postal Union (UPU) if Arab states succeeded in barring Israel from the United Nations agency.

State Department spokesman John Hughes, in a statement to reporters, said some Arab states were seeking Israel's expulsion when the UPU holds its 19th Congress in Hamburg from June 18 to July 27.

"The United States wishes to

make clear that Israel's expulsion from the UPU at the Hamburg Congress would immediately cause us to pull our delegation out of the congress, suspend our participation in UPU activities and withhold payments to the UPU," he said.

The United States has in the past given similar warnings against efforts to bar Israel from U.N. agencies.

Mr. Hughes said that if Israel were barred from the UPU, American action against the org-

anisation would remain in effect "until the illegal action was reversed."

Officials said the U.S. 1984 contribution to the UPU was \$455,000 or 4.69 per cent of its budget.

The officials said Arab countries taking part in the expulsion effort were Algeria, Bahrain, Djibouti, Iraq, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Libya, Morocco, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Syria, United Arab Emirates and North Yemen.

## Robbers raid Egyptian embassy in Nigeria

LAGOS (R) — Three armed men Thursday raided the Egyptian embassy in Lagos, raped two women and relieved staff and visitors of 7,000 naira (\$9,100) in cash, a spokesman said Friday.

Mr. Abdel-Hamed Chawki said the men entered the embassy on the pretext that they wanted visas. "Suddenly they whipped out their guns and ordered everybody to remain still," Mr. Chawki said.

The men herded about 10 embassy staff and five visitors in the building into an upstairs room before they systematically ransacked the embassy.

Mr. Chawki said the ambassador had left on home leave three days earlier but that his female Nigerian secretary and another Nigerian woman working in the visa section were raped by the robbers.

## Austria ready to send observers to Gulf

VIENNA (R) — Austria, which has more than 500 military observers in the Middle East, is willing to take part in U.N. policing of an undertaking by Iraq and Iran not to attack civilian targets, Foreign Minister Erwin Erler said Thursday.

"We will naturally do our duty if asked to do so," Mr. Erler said during a foreign policy debate in parliament. He did not say if Austria had been asked to take part.

Austria has 527 men with a U.N. contingent of observers on the truce line between Israel and Syria on the Golan Heights and 13 others in Lebanon. It also has a contingent with the U.N. peace-keeping force in Cyprus.

## Israel sees no change in Syrian policy

TEL AVIV (AP) — A two-hour firefight between Syrian troops and Israeli forces in Lebanon's Bekaa Valley is not being viewed here as a purposeful escalation of tension by Syria, defence officials said Friday.

The Israeli military command announced Thursday the battle erupted near the Lebanese town of Kfar Koub six kilometres west of the Syrian border. Israeli troops fired back with light arms and tank fire after an Israeli foot patrol came under fire from the Syrian

side of the line, the communique said.

Israeli defence officials who declined to be identified by name said Syrian troops had fired on the Israeli forces but it was their assessment that the clash was a localised incident.

"Our assessment is that it is a local incident which happens from time to time," said one defence official. "To the best of our knowledge, it doesn't mean a change in Syrian policy."

The daily Maariv newspaper reported that the Israeli forces

returned fire for a sustained period of time as a warning to the Syrians that Israel would respond heavily to "provocation."

Another Israeli paper, Hadassah, reported that Israel had passed on a warning to Damascus via diplomatic channels not to heat up the confrontation line with the Israeli army.

Asked if Israel viewed Syria's policy as aimed at aggravating tensions, the defence official said: "Not as far as we know now but things may change."

## Ershad puts off trip to Saudi Arabia

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh President Hussain Mohammad Ershad has put off a visit to Jeddah following a last-minute postponement of talks between Islamic nations on ending the war between Iran and Iraq, officials said Friday.

They said the visit, due to start from Friday, might now take place after the holy Muslim month of Ramadan.

"said the meeting was expected to consider a peace proposal by Mr. Yasser Arafat, leader of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), but gave no details."

Informed sources said the Arafat proposal was possibly similar to an earlier formula given by the Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak which called for stationing Islamic troops along the Iran-Iraq frontier.

But Iran rejected the Egyptian mediation, saying Cairo had sup-

ported Iraq in the war.

A spokesman for the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC), which set up the peace committee in 1981, said earlier this week the meeting was likely to be held in Jeddah later this month.

The OIC groups Senegal, Guinea, Turkey, Bangladesh, Gambia, Pakistan, and Malaysia as well as OIC Secretary-General Habib Chatti and Palestinian Leader Yasser Arafat.

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## Sarvath praises German aid to college



Her Highness Princess Sarvath (left) presents a certificate to a graduate from the Princess Sarvath College here Thursday (Petra photo)

AMMAN (Petra) — A graduation ceremony of the third batch of students from the all female Princess Sarvath College, which is run by the Young Women's Muslim Association (YWMA) were held Thursday at the Palace of Culture at Al Hussein Youth City.

Princess Sarvath, the YWMA Chairwoman, delivered a speech in which she expressed her appreciation and thanks to the government of the Federal Republic of Germany for its financial and technical aid as well as the scientific expertise it has provided to the college.

She also expressed her hope, on the occasion of the end of the four-year German aid programme, that co-operation between the college and the German parties involved will continue as part of the spirit of friendship and co-operation that exists between Jordan and Germany.

Dean of the college Sa'adah Hamidah also delivered a speech in which she thanked Princess Sarvath for patronising the celebration and the German government and other Jordanian institutions for their financial and technical aid to the college.

At the end of the celebration, Princess Sarvath presented certificates and prizes in recognition of high merit to the graduates.

Attending the graduation ceremony were Minister of Social Development Abdul Salam Kena'an, West German ambassador in Amman Hermann Munz and families of the graduates.

## NEWS IN BRIEF

## Tourism Ministry renamed

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Tourism has officially been renamed as the Tourism Authority, according to a story published Friday in the local Arabic daily newspaper Al Dustour. The ministry was formerly known as the Ministry of Tourism and Antiquities but, after the formation of the new government, the Department of Antiquities was incorporated into the Ministry of Culture and Youth while the Ministry of Tourism was merged with the Ministry of Industry and Trade in one portfolio.

## Tawjihi exams begin today

AMMAN (J.T.) — A total of 47,785 female and male students in the East Bank will Saturday begin the second eight-day session of the General Secondary Certificate (Tawjihi) examinations. The participants will sit their exams in a total of 592 centres throughout the country among which 334 centres are in Amman, 175 in Irbid, 33 in Balqa, 32 in Karak and 18 in the Ma'an governorates. Ministry of Education is responsible for all the necessary arrangements for the exams which will begin at the same time throughout the East Bank.

## Occupied territory travel centres to open

AMMAN (J.T.) — The new centres run by the Public Security Directorate (PSD) to register travellers going to the West Bank or the Gaza Strip who are or were originally resident there, will open to the public Saturday. The centres are located in Irbid, Zarqa, Balqa and Amman. However, in the capital those from the Jerusalem and Hebron governorates must register at the Arwa Ibn Al Harith School in Jabal Amman, while those from Gaza will go to the Basma Girls School and Nablus Governorate residents will register at Al Hussein School on Jabal Hussein.

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## Crackdown on offenders continues

AMMAN (Petra) — A Jordanian citizen, Mohammad Abu Ghanam, has been sentenced by the military court to a 15-year prison term with hard labour for contacting and collaborating with the Israeli enemy.

Another citizen, Mohammad Al Fureihat, has been sentenced by the court to one year in prison and has been fined JD 1,000 for asking for a bribe.

Three other people have been given prison and sentences and have been fined for possessing and trafficking with drugs.

Thalaj Kurd Farrar will go to prison for seven years with hard labour and pay JD 3,000. Ali Awwad has been sentenced in absentia to 15 years in jail with hard labour and will pay JD 3,000.

Al Nuei mi has received a life sentence with hard labour and will pay JD 5,000 for similar offences.



His Majesty King Hussein takes part in an Iftar banquet he gave at the Amra Hotel for active and retired members of the security forces (Petra photo)

## Hussein hosts Iftar for officers

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Thursday hosted an Iftar banquet at the Amra Hotel for the Commander-in-Chief of the Jordanian Armed Forces and high-ranking army officers, the director-general of the Public Security Directorate and senior public security officers, the director-general of the Civil Defence Department and senior officials in addition to officers from the general intelligence department and high ranking retired officers.

Attending the party were His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan, Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat, Chief of the Royal Court Marwan Al Jassam, Court Minister Adnan Abu Odeh, and Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid.

The King and a number of attendants then performed Al Maghreb prayer.

## Red Crescent receives call

AMMAN (Petra) — Chairman of the International Red Cross (IRC) Standing Committee and chairman of the Jordanian National Red Crescent Society (JNRCS), Dr. Ahmad Abu Jura, has received a message from the chairman of the Union of Soviet Red Cross and Crescent societies.

The message contained an appeal to all Red Cross and Crescent

## Ministerial body reviews running of potash firm

AMMAN (Petra) — Financial, administrative and marketing considerations as well as production at the Jordan Potash Company plant on the Dead Sea were reviewed Thursday during a meeting of the Ministerial Development Committee at the APC's headquarters in Amman.

Also during the meeting, which was presided over by Prime Minister Ahmad 'Obeidat, the APC's future plans and the necessity to diversify its products were reviewed, and a number of decisions in this regard were taken.

Mr. 'Obeidat stressed the importance of co-operation among

the APC, the Jordan Fertilisers Industry Company and the Jordan Phosphates Mines Company in the fields of training, technical expertise, storage and marketing and decided to form a joint marketing office to facilitate co-ordination.

Attending the meeting were Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism Jawad Al Anani, Minister of Transport Taher Hikmat, Minister of Finance Hanna Odch, President of the National Planning Council Omer Abdullah Dakqah, chairman of the Board of Directors of the APC, its director-general and a number of board members.

## New steel pipe standards due

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Industry, Trade and Tourism Jawad Al Anani has decided to apply the British standard specifications with regard to locally produced and imported steel pipes with effect from June 15.

Imported steel pipes will not be

cleared if they are shown to be at variance with these technical specifications, Dr. Anani pointed out.

Dr. Anani requested importers, when opening Letters of Credit (LC) to include a condition in the LC stipulating that adherence to these specifications is a minimum condition and also to include a term in the import licence stipulating that these pipes should comply with these specifications.

Those violating these specifications will be liable to sanctions stipulated in the specifications and standardisations law, the minister affirmed.

## Jordan University graduates 2,237

AMMAN (J.T.) — A ceremony was held at Al Hussein Youth City Thursday evening for the graduation of the 19th batch of students from the University of Jordan.

A total of 2,237 students received their degrees from Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament Ahmad Al Lawzi, who is chairman of the university's board of trustees.

The graduates included 166 who received diplomas and 93 post graduates who obtained their masters' degrees.

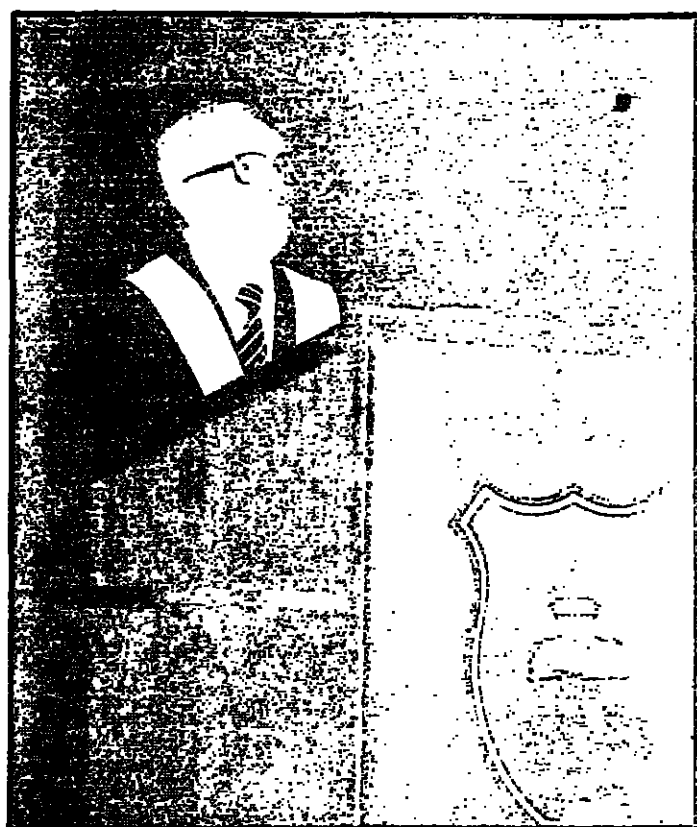
Mr. Lawzi made a speech before the ceremony in which he congratulated the students and their families and reminded the graduates of their responsibilities and duties to serve their society.

President of the University of Jordan Abdul Salam Al Majali also delivered an address at the ceremony in which he outlined the endeavours of the university staff in imparting education to the stu-

dents and reminded the graduates of their duties and responsibilities and the need to employ their learning in ways best to serve their country.

The graduates completed their courses in the faculties of arts, economics and business administration, sciences, shari'a (Islamic law), nursing, medicine, pharmacy, engineering and agriculture.

Several of those students excelling in their studies received awards from Mr. Lawzi at the ceremony, which was attended by several cabinet members, Chief Chamberlain Prince Ra'd Ibn Zaid, senior officials, members of the diplomatic corps in Jordan, and relatives of the graduates.



Chairman of the University of Jordan board of trustees Ahmad Al Lawzi Thursday evening delivers an address to students at their convocation ceremony (Petra photo)

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# The children's revolution

NEW YORK — In the last twelve months the equivalent of the entire under-five population of the United States has been wiped out.

On a European scale, says this year's State of the World's Children report from UNICEF, the number of children who have died in the developing world this year is the equivalent of the combined young-child populations of Britain, France, Italy, Spain and West Germany.

Despite these dark statistics the 1984 report holds out a new hope to millions of children. Drawing

together examples from twenty different countries, the report documents four low-cost breakthroughs which it says could bring about a 'children's revolution' and save the lives of half of those who now die.

From villages in Guatemala, Honduras, Egypt, India and Bangladesh the report announces that child deaths have been halved by a simple technique called oral rehydration therapy. By far the biggest killer of children in the world today is dehydration — caused by ordinary diarrhoea.

Previously, it could only be treated by intravenous feeding. Now it can be prevented or cured by a mixture of salt, sugar and water given to the child by the parents. If mothers know how and when to use this oral rehydration method, says UNICEF, then most of the five million child deaths a year from dehydration can be prevented. The technique has been described by The Lancet, Britain's leading medical journal, as 'potentially the greatest medical breakthrough this century'.

At least 34 countries have now

begun industrial production of the oral rehydration salts. So far 80 million packets a year are being produced — well short of the billion or more which would be needed if the sachets are to be available for all children at risk.

"But a shortage of packaged salts," says UNICEF, "need not prevent a rapid spread of the treatment. For if parents know how to mix sugar, salt and water in the right proportions, an effective oral rehydration solution can be made in the child's own home."

## Growth monitoring

The second of the low-cost breakthroughs is the use of simple 10 cent growth charts to monitor children's weight gain.

With regular weighing and the advice of health workers, UNICEF believes that the charts could help parents prevent up to half of the malnutrition which underlies the deaths of several million children a year and the poor growth of many millions more.

"Most malnutrition is invisible — even to the child's mother," says the report, "and its very invisibility is one of the main barriers to its prevention or cure. More than half of all cases of malnutrition are to be found in households where there is no absolute shortage of food."

Regular monthly weighing and the entering up of the result on a growth chart, says UNICEF, can make malnutrition visible to the parents — warning them that the child needs supplementary foods, more frequent feeding, or medical help.

## Breastfeeding

Several million young children may be falling into malnutrition every year because of the trend towards bottle-feeding in poor countries.

Although breastfeeding is more hygienic and more nutritious, and also 'immunises' young children against common infections, millions of mothers are turning towards the more 'modern' artificial substitutes which they cannot afford, do not need, and are unable to safely use.

Often without clean water, or sterilising equipment, or fuel and time for boiling, or enough money to buy enough of the milk powder, the mothers who turn to feeding bottles are unknowingly risking the health and lives of their infants.

Drawing together 33 comparative studies from around the world, the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine has recently concluded that the risk of death in infancy is approximately five times greater for babies who are bottle-fed than for babies who are breastfed.

A third element in the 'children's revolution', says UNICEF, must therefore be the rapid promotion of present knowledge about the advantages of breastfeeding and the dangers of bottle feeding.

Already over 100 nations have begun campaigns to promote breastfeeding and to restrict the marketing of artificial substitutes.

Eleven countries have completely banned all advertising of infant formula.

## Immunisation

The fourth of the low-cost techniques is the immunisation of all

children against the 'big six' communicable diseases of childhood — measles, whooping cough, tetanus, diphtheria, tuberculosis and polio.

Together, these six infections kill an estimated 5 million children a year and disable 5 million more. Protection against all of them costs approximately five dollars per child. Yet less than 20 per cent of the developing world's children are immunised each year.

Apart from problems of money and management, the main barrier to immunising all children is that parents often do not realise how important it is to come back two or three times for the full course of injections.

It is not uncommon, says the report, for only half of the children to report for the second injection and for only half of those to return for the third.

## Recession

For the rest of the 1980s, predicts UNICEF, it is unlikely that there will be any significant increase in the real resources available for improving child welfare. Maintaining progress for children will therefore depend upon making more of the resources which are available.

The four techniques brought together in the State of the World's Children report, says UNICEF, could streamline the effort to improve the lives of children so that progress can be made even against the headwind of 'world recession'.

"Coming together at this time," says the report, "these breakthroughs in technique and knowledge could soon be helping to save the lives of 20,000 children a day, to prevent an equal number from becoming disabled, and to promote the healthy growth of many millions more."

To allay the fears of those who imagine that a drastic reduction in child deaths would re-fuel the 'population explosion', the State of the World's Children report also points out that the areas of the developing world which have done most to reduce child deaths are also the areas where birth rates have fallen most steeply.

When parents are more confident that their children will survive, argues UNICEF, they are more willing to consider family planning.

The potential for a children's revolution has been welcomed by the Secretary-General of the United Nations and by the presidents or prime ministers of Bolivia, Britain, Canada, Colombia, France, Haiti, India, Pakistan, the Philippines, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Tanzania, Thailand and the United States.

In Rome the Holy See has also announced that "the entire Catholic aid network in the various countries of the world will lend its maximum support to these important simple proposals to improve the health of hundreds of millions of children".

But potential, says UNICEF, is not enough. The challenge now is to translate the local successes which show that a child health revolution is possible into extensive national campaigns which will make that revolution a reality.

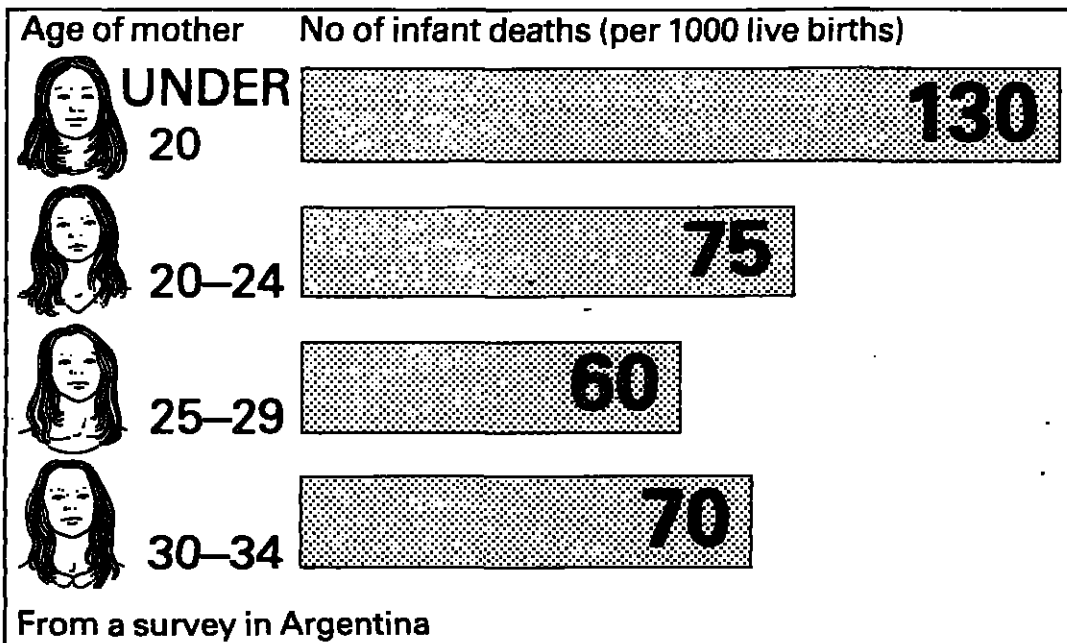
In many developing nations, the official health services reach only a quarter of the people.

Bringing the benefits of these techniques to the majority of children, says UNICEF, will therefore depend on the health services lending their expertise to



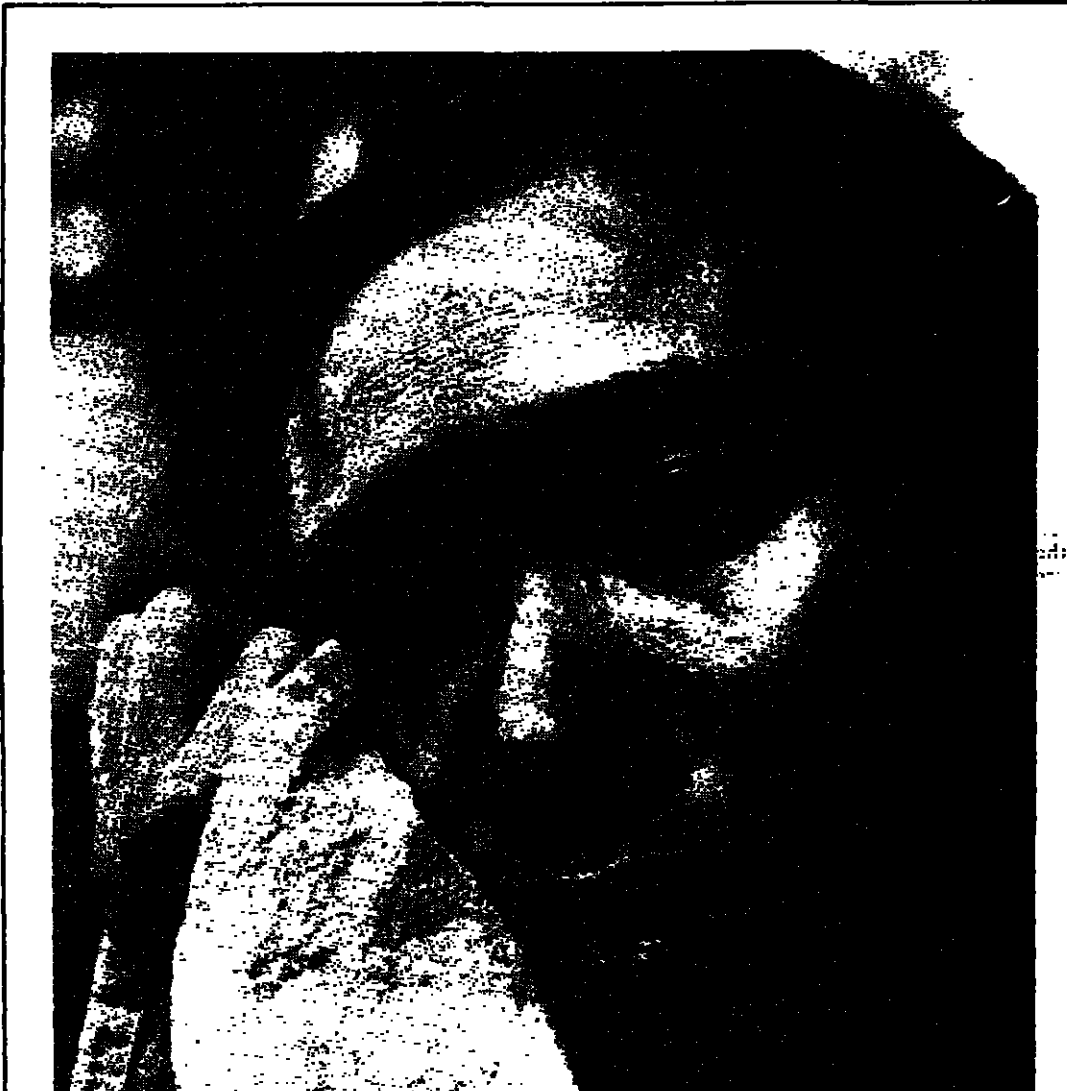
In the last twelve months, world-wide support has been gathering behind the idea of a revolution which could save the lives of up to seven million children

each year and protect the health and growth of many millions more. (UNICEF photo).



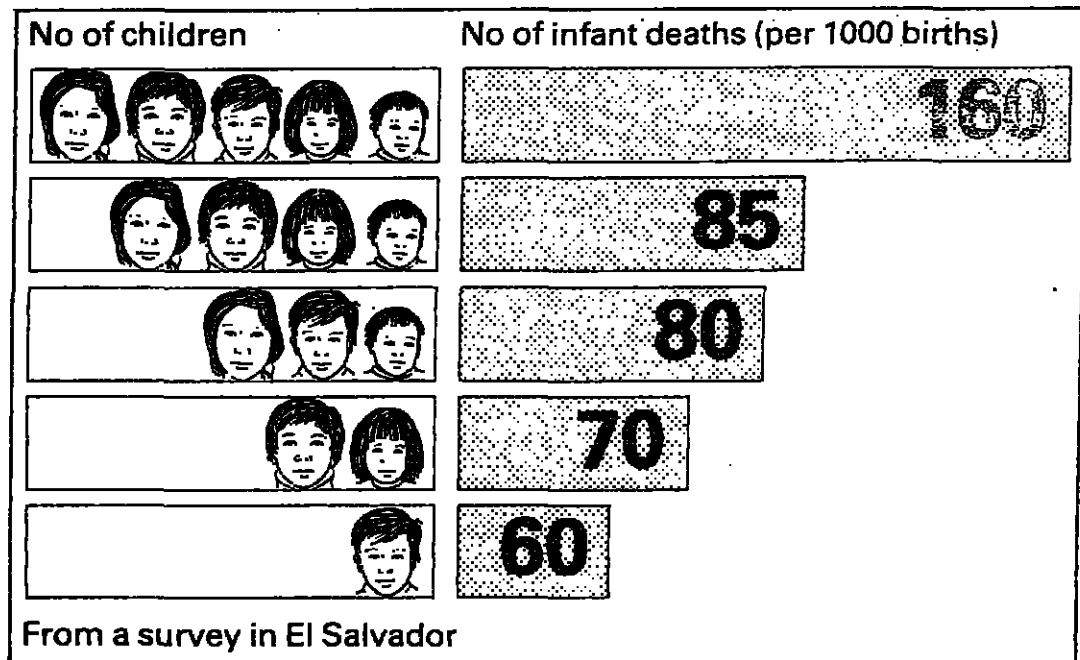
Children born to women under the age of 20 are approximately twice as likely to die in infancy as

children born to women in their mid-20s. (UNICEF photo).



In 1983, approximately 15 million young children have died. Five million of them died of dehydration caused by simple diarrhoea. More than three million died of pneumonia. Two million died of measles. One and a half million died racked by the spasms of

whooping cough. Another million died with the convulsions of tetanus. And for every child who died, many more live on in hunger and ill-health. (UNICEF photo).



The risks to the health of both mother and child increase steeply after the third child. (UNICEF photo).

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## Le Mans battle turned into a lottery

LE MANS, France (R) — The absence of Jacky Ickx and the successful Porsche works team has turned this year's battle for Le Mans supremacy into a lottery.

The West German manufacturer and their number one driver are boycotting this weekend's 24-hour sports car classic because of a rules disagreement — leaving a clutch of Porsche Privateers, Lancia, Aston Martin and Jaguar as the main challengers.

Porsche factory cars have won the race for the last three years —

Ickx twice in a six-victory haul — but 16 privately-entered teams may be on the traditional 55-car starting grid bidding to continue the Marque's dominance.

Their drivers include former World Formula One Champion Alan Jones, partnered by fellow-Australian Vern Schuppan, last year's winner, and

ex-Grand Prix driver Jean-Pierre Jarier of France.

Indianapolis King A.J. Foyt will be at the wheel of a rival Porsche, accompanied by top American compatriots Hurley Haywood and Preston Henn. Haywood was also in the winning 1983 car.

The factory Lancia team has not shared Porsche's protest and hope the pace of their Ferrari-engined cars will be matched by reliability.

Their driver line-up is led by Franchman Bob Wollek, who has experienced just about everything at Le Mans except victory.

He said: "If we could get a break from the bad luck which has dogged us this season we could put one over on the Porsche teams who will no doubt start as strong favourites."

Wollek's co-driver is young Italian Alessandro Nannini, facing only his second test at Le Mans. West German Hans Heyer, a veteran of 10 Le Mans appearances, has Italian Paolo Barilla as co-driver in the other car.

Much interest will centre on the Jaguar-Aston Martin clash.

## Hearns, Duran clash in an intriguing bout

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (R) — American Thomas Hearns defends his World Boxing Council (WBC) super welterweight title against Roberto Duran of Panama Friday night in a fight almost certain to send the loser into fistic limbo.

To the winner, though, will go a guaranteed multi-million dollar purse for a fight with undisputed middleweight champion Marvin Hagler.

Mainly because of his advantages in youth, height and reach, Hearns, 25, has been established as a slightly better than 2-1 favourite to win the scheduled 12-round bout.

It is an intriguing matchup that

has raised many questions. Foremost among them is whether Duran, who will turn 33 on Saturday, still poses sufficient motivation now that a third fight with the retired Sugar Ray Leonard is out of the question.

The bout may also demonstrate whether Hearns still possesses the right-hand punch that enabled him to knock out 29 of his first 31 professional opponents.

Also to be answered is the question of whether Duran can stoke the inner fires that have made him a ring legend against a fighter who, in his biggest fight, was stopped by Duran's old nemesis, Leonard, in the 14th round on September 16, 1981.

## McEnroe, Connors reach London tennis quarter-finals

LONDON (R) — John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors maintained their progress into the quarter-finals of the London Grass Court Championship Thursday with the possibility increasing that one of them may meet unknown fellow-American Leif Shiras in the final.

Shiras, ranked 105 in the world, continued the advance which began when he shocked new French Open Champion Ivan Lendl the second seed, in the opening round on Monday.

On Thursday Shiras accounted for another seed, number 15 Brian Teacher of the United States, 4-6, 6-4, 9-7, and with no seeds remaining in the lower half of the draw, he must have as good a chance as anyone of reaching Sunday's final.

Shiras, a 24-year-old English graduate who says he knows more about Shakespeare than tennis, said afterwards: "Maybe I can earn some money in this tournament. I'm a little more confident now and my chances are as good as the others."

He explained that he got tired of jogging so trains now by running up the 23 flights of steps at his girl friend's apartment. "So far I've made it to the 15th floor," he added.

McEnroe, playing without the knee bandage he sported during the second round Wednesday, cruised past compatriot Steve Meister 6-4, 6-3, stopping in the final game to chastise a spectator who dared to applaud his double fault.

"You are a low life nothing and an insignificant peasant," he told the offender.

Connors, the defending champion, had a tougher time, surviving 20 aces and needing six match points before he could subdue big-serving compatriot Steve Denton 6-4, 3-6, 9-7.

Denton used three aces to save match points and troubled Connors all day with his serve. "When you return against him, you are also trying to stay healthy," Connors said.

## Sogelerg Co. — Jordan Branch

### Balance Sheet As at Dec. 31, 1983

ASSETS	JD	PLS	JD	PLS	LIABILITIES	JD	PLS	JD	PLS
<b>FIXED ASSETS</b>					Registered Capital in Jordan			10000	000
Cars	9600	000			Head office current account - France			46475	686
Less accumulated depreciation	1308	750			<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>				
Total Fixed Assets			8091	250	Creditors	13019	335		
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>					Accrued Audit Fees	450	000		
Cash in hand	255	651			Total Current Liabilities			13469	335
Cash at Arab Bank (Note 4)	33858	440							
Accounts receivable	6905	159							
Advances to employees	300	000							
Prepaid rents	4415	000							
Total Current Assets			45015	250					
<b>SOCIAL SECURITY CORPORATION PROJECT</b>									
Amounts received from Social Security Corporation to date	112149	680							
Less: Direct Expenses (Statement attached)	125464	755	13315	086					
Loss for the year 1983			4725	425					
			71948	021				71948	021

The attached notes to the financial statements form an integral part of these statements

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### AUDITORS' REPORT

We have examined the Balance Sheet of SOGELERG Co. Jordan Branch (Foreign Limited Co.) as at 31st December, 1983, and the related final accounts for the year then ended, and have obtained the information and explanations which we required for the purposes of our audit.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards, and included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, and according to the books and vouchers of the company, and the information and explanations given to us, the accompanying balance sheet presents fairly the financial position of SOGELERG Co. — Jordan Branch as at 31st December, 1983.

Amman, 26th May, 1984.

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## Computers go to American stud

NEW YORK (R) — Two American businessmen with an eye for the main chance have launched a plan to spur Equine Romance with a computer dating service.

John T.L. Jones the third, son of a Kentucky horse breeder, and Barry Weisbord, a bloodstock agent, have founded a business exchange in Lexington where owners of mares and owners of stallions can matchmake their thoroughbreds.

With a roll in the hay with a top stallion going for upwards of a million dollars, the men told reporters Thursday they believed it was time to bring modern business methods to the thoroughbred breeding industry.

On the matchmaker breeders exchange, racehorse owners around the world can promote fruitful dalliances by telephone, telex and computer links.

Weisbord, the chairman of the

venture, said it would replace the informal system of agents in the business of bringing fertile females to foal.

The exchange is organized as a club in which owners deal in seasons and shares. A share is the right to mate a mare to a stallion each year for the reproductive life of the male. A season is an extended one-night stand.

The seasons carry no guarantees of foal.

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Amritsar begins to limp back to normal

## Indian troops find large amount of heroin in Golden Temple

AMRITSAR, India (R) — The Sikh holy city of Amritsar began to limp back to normal Friday as troops found millions of dollars' worth of heroin, believed by officials to have been collected to buy arms for Sikh separatists.

Cars and riskshaws returned to the streets of the city and shops re-opened after last week's battle at the Golden Temple, the Sikh's holiest shrine, in which informed police sources said about 1,000 people were killed.

Steel-helmeted troops with automatic weapons guarded the approaches to the shrine complex, blackened and scarred by savage hand-to-hand encounters.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported that in addition to gold, precious gems and more than \$300,000 in cash recovered from wells and other hiding places in the temple grounds, soldiers had found huge quantities of heroin and hashish.

Quoting intelligence sources,

PTI said millions of dollars' worth of drugs from Pakistan's north west frontier province were found in rooms once used by extremist followers of Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale.

The rooms were adjacent to the Akal Takht, the headquarters of the Sikh gunmen and now in ruins after the battle, PTI added.

The agency said U.S. drug enforcement officers had warned the government that India was fast becoming a major route for narcotics smuggled from Pakistan over the Punjab frontier.

PTI said drugs found in the temple were to have been used to purchase arms for the Sikh extremists. Several hundred weapons were recovered after the savage

encounter on June 7, the army said.

Prominent historian Khushwant Singh, a moderate Sikh who has criticised the army's assault on the temple complex, told Reuters he thought it unlikely but possible that Mr. Bhindranwale had approved the smuggling of drugs to further his cause.

"For years gun-running has been done by people also involved in the heroin trade," he said.

Among Mr. Bhindranwale's demands was a ban on the sale of tobacco and meat in Amritsar. Visitors to the temple are forbidden to take cigarettes into the complex as the Sikh faith prohibits the use of drugs, including alcohol.

Mr. Bhindranwale, named by officials as leader of Sikh extremists waging a hit-and-run war for a separate state, was found dead 36 hours after the temple battle ended.

In New Delhi, police stood guard Friday at the city's Sikh shrines where 13 Sikh leaders offered themselves for arrest in protest

against the Golden Temple battle. No incidents were reported, police said.

PTI said two opposition leaders Friday received assassination threats in the form of a letter apparently written by Sikh extremists.

Charan Singh and Atal Behari Vajpayee, leaders of the opposition National Democratic Alliance, were warned that they were on an extremist "hit list" because of statements they had made about Punjab.

Most opposition leaders have welcomed the army's attack on the Amritsar's temple complex after Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had banned all transport in the state, imposed a news blackout and clamped curfews on several cities and towns in the state.

Military sources told Reuters that soldiers have selected certain Punjab villages for cordon-and-search operations aimed at weeding out remaining Sikh extremists in the countryside and at uncovering of weapons.

## Pope visits Marian Shrine

EINSIEDELN, Switzerland (Agencies) — Pope John II, who has made the Virgin Mary a centerpiece of his papacy, visited a famed Marian Shrine Friday and called the Virgin Mary "our companion on the path of our earthly pilgrimage."

The pontiff, dressed in dark red and white, knelt and prayed for 15 minutes before the statue of the Madonna in the Benedictine Abbey in this remote central Swiss pilgrimage town.

"Let us make Mary, the mother of Jesus, who is the mother of the church and our mother, too, our model and our companion on the path of our earthly pilgrimage," the Roman Catholic leader said in a brief sermon in German.

"She is ready to be of service, because she knows that the holy God is near."

Several hundred people gathered for the morning service and watched as Pope John Paul prayed to the Madonna in a small chapel.

On Thursday the Pope called on Protestants and Catholics to intensify their dialogue at a meeting that Protestants described as unprecedentedly cordial and relaxed.

## U.S. walks out of U.N. space debate

VIENNA (R) — The United States delegation walked out of a debate on the militarisation of space being held by a key U.N. committee and its chief said Washington was thinking of quitting the forum itself.

The walk-out happened when the U.N. committee on peaceful uses of outer space, holding its annual session in Vienna, reached an agenda item to discuss the threat of a "star wars" arms race in space.

Chief U.S. Delegate Otho Eskin told Reuters that it would not return to the debate until the discussion on this issue had ended.

The committee was set up in 1959 as the world's main outer space law-maker and forum of space technology exchange. It was asked by the U.N. General Assembly at the instigation of the Sov-

iet Union to discuss the "star wars" issue.

The United States considers that the disarmament conference in Geneva is the correct U.N. forum to discuss this issue.

Asked if the United States might quit the 53-member forum, Mr. Eskin told Reuters: "We have been considering that since December, when the General Assembly gave the mandate to the committee to discuss arms in space."

"We consider it highly objectionable to introduce this controversial issue. It will only damage the committee," Mr. Eskin said. "Traditionally we have attached great importance to this committee, but we would be hard put now to identify any useful purpose it serves."

## U.S. agrees to sell China missiles, anti-tank arms

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States has agreed in principle to sell China anti-aircraft missiles, anti-tank rockets and advanced artillery shells, defence officials said Thursday.

They said groundwork for the deal was worked out during a visit this week by China's Defence Minister Zhang Aiping.

The proposed arms sale will mark a nearly complete turnaround in relations between the two countries, which fought each other in the Korean War of the early 1950s.

Defence Secretary Casper Weinberger met Mr. Zhang during his Washington visit and said in a subsequent interview that China's interest in improved air and tank defences was justified because of the many Soviet troops and tanks on its borders.

Mr. Zhang left Washington Thursday to visit U.S. military bases and defence contractors in Texas, Washington state and California. He will leave the United States on June 23 for Canada.

Details of the proposed sale of Hawk air-defence weapons and Tow anti-armor missiles, as well

as the artillery munitions and other technology, would be worked out later by technical teams from both nations, officials said.

In a brief statement, the Pentagon said "both Secretary Weinberger and the Chinese minister have expressed pleasure over the success of the meeting."

It added that "both ministers stressed the importance of a situation of ministerial meetings and military-to-military exchanges."

Chinese Communist Party General Secretary Hu Yaobang said in an interview published in Tokyo Thursday that China is considering weapons purchases from the United States.

The Japanese daily Nihon Keizai Shimbun quoted him as saying China might buy defensive weapons from Washington but the value of such purchases would not be high.

The defence officials said China would probably buy some of the Tow missiles — Tow stands for tube-launched, optically-tracked, wire-guided — and make others under a license from the U.S. manufacturer, Hughes Aircraft.

## France urged to play peace role in Europe

MOSCOW (R) — On the eve of a visit by President Francois Mitterrand, official Soviet commentators urged France to restore good relations with Moscow and play a role in curbing East-West tensions.

Comments by Pravda and the Novosti News Agency used mild terms to criticise Mr. Mitterrand's Socialist administration, which backs deployment of U.S. cruise and Pershing missiles in Europe and is building up France's nuclear armory.

Mr. Mitterrand's Moscow trip next Wednesday ends a four-year break in the series of Franco-Soviet summits established by Gen. Charles de Gaulle over two decades ago.

The president has adopted a far more critical stance towards the Soviet Union than his predecessors.

Pravda and Izvestia made clear Moscow yearned for a return of the days when Paris held itself aloof from its NATO allies and cultivated "privileged relations" with Moscow.

Pravda, the Communist Party daily, said broad circles in France believed it essential to develop political contacts with Moscow for the sake of security in Europe.

"This would respond to the interests of the French and Soviet peoples, and of other peoples on the continent," it said.

Novosti Commentator Igor Rapoport noted that historically, periods when France had flourished coincided with the time of good relations with Russia and the Soviet Union.

"Soviet-French co-operation has proved for many years that it can serve as a stabilising element for the situation on our continent," he added.

This had become urgent now that "the USA and NATO" had created serious tension on the continent, Novosti said.

"There are no insurmountable obstacles to putting to full use the accumulated rich experience of Soviet-French co-operation for the good of our countries and for building a safer Europe," Novosti wrote.

The tone of the two commentaries made clear Moscow still liked to regard France as separate from NATO, despite Mr. Mitterrand's strong commitment to the alliance and the deployment of missiles to counter Soviet SS-20 weapons.

No NATO missiles are stationed in France, which left the alliance's military structure under Gen. De Gaulle.

Pravda devoted most of its five-column article to depicting what it said was rapidly mounting public opposition in France to the NATO deployments.

## Black South Africans to remember their dead

SOWETO, South Africa (R) — Black South Africans will Saturday commemorate the deaths in 1976 of over 500 people, many of them schoolchildren, during riots that shook the country to its foundations.

The violence erupted in this big dormitory township of Soweto outside Johannesburg on June 16, 1976, when 23 people, including two whites, died amid clashes with armed police. The violence and anger soon spread to townships across South Africa.

The dead have been mourned each June 16 since 1976. Many blacks mark the day by staying away from work to attend special church services.

There has been only sporadic violence in recent anniversaries but townships still become tense as anger mixes with sadness.

Extra police are drafted in and reporters are prevented from coming too close to the mourners because officials believe their pre-

sence could provoke violence. The Soweto unrest in 1976 was sparked by the government's insistence that black pupils be taught some subjects in Afrikaans, the language of the Dutch-descended ruling whites.

The issue unleashed the anger of blacks about their place in South Africa's apartheid society, their lack of a say in politics, parous economic state and exclusion from the country's bountiful resources.

The riots put Soweto — an acronym for south western townships — on the world map and brought fresh international attention to South Africa's unique system of racial separation.

On Saturday, Sowetans will give up normal weekend activities to remember the riots. Professional soccer games have been cancelled, shops will be shut and the taverns, centre of the township's raucous social life, will be silent.

## Liberals bid farewell to Trudeau

OTTAWA (R) — After bidding an emotional farewell to Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau, Canada's Liberals were expected to get down to choosing the successor best suited to maintaining their hold on power.

The Liberals, who boast a record of having run Canada for 52 of the last 63 years, put on a show business spectacular Thursday night to say goodbye to one of the Western World's longest-serving leaders.

Mr. Trudeau was serenaded by Paul Anka singing I Did It My Way while impressionist Rich Little poked fun at the Canadian prime minister's sometimes testy exchanges with U.S. Presidents Ronald Reagan and Richard Nixon.

With the tributes over, the Liberals are expected to choose as their new leader either John Tur-

ner, the urbane former finance minister who quit Mr. Trudeau's cabinet in 1975, or blunt-spoken and popular Energy Minister Jean Chretien.

All points to Mr. Turner as the winner with five other ministers distant long shots in the race. The new party leader automatically becomes Canada's 17th prime minister.

In 1968, it took four ballots before Mr. Trudeau won an outright majority from delegates voting in an Ottawa hockey arena.

Mr. Turner, who waited out almost nine years of self-imposed political exile as a Toronto corporate lawyer, is favoured to win in one ballot Saturday.

But first come the candidate's policy speeches to the convention which could help to sway the uncommitted among the 3,500 del-

egates.

Ottawa has taken on a carnival atmosphere as barbecues, boat trips and beer are offered by candidates wooing everyone. Mr. Chretien gave a free lunch to taxi drivers, hoping they would promote him to out-of-town delegates.

Mr. Trudeau is to step down officially at the end of this month when parliament breaks up for the summer. His successor will face a crucial decision.

The Liberals, their popularity shattered in mid-recession, have made a great recovery in recent opinion polls, and the new leader may be tempted to call a snap summer election to cash in on the leadership convention publicity and condemn the opposition Conservatives to political oblivion once more.

## Bangladesh, India reduce border troops

DHAKA (R) — Bangladesh and India have reduced the number of troops along their common border following a meeting last weekend between local commanders from both sides, a senior army officer said Wednesday.

Last April a Bangladeshi soldier was killed and an Indian officer was wounded in a clash which flared up after Bangladeshi soldiers erected an Indian working party erecting barbed wire fencing along two stretches of the border.

Both sides sent re-inforcements to the border during and after the incident.

Lt. Col. Sirajul Islam, northern area commander of the Ban-

gladesh Border Guards (BDR) told Reuters Thursday that India had withdrawn more than 4,000 troops sent to re-inforce its Border Security Force (BSF) last month.

"They have also dismantled bunkers and trenches and removed defence materials over the past three days," he said.

Bangladeshi re-inforcements have also been pulled back, Col. Islam said but gave no figures.

India said the fence was needed to stop Bangladeshis crossing illegally into Assam and other Indian states. Dhaka denied this, saying India was trying to place the fence in violation of border rules.

The troop withdrawals followed a meeting on Sunday between Col. Islam and BSF Commander Brigadier Pareswar Pillai at Soanhat, a Bangladeshi border post.

Col. Islam Thursday said the number of troops along the border had now been reduced to the pre-April size.

He also said peace would be maintained to allow the two governments to settle the dispute through negotiations.

Attempts at erecting the fence were suspended after the border skirmishes, Col. Islam said.

"I hope they (the Indians) will not try it again in the best interests of our two countries," he added.

## Salvadoran police probe intelligence unit

SAN SALVADOR (R) — Salvadoran police are investigating reports that members of a disbanded intelligence unit were linked with right-wing death squads. Treasury Police Chief Rinaldo Golcher said Thursday.

Col. Golcher said the feared S-2 intelligence unit of the Treasury Police, abolished Wednesday by the country's new President Jose Napoleon Duarte, had been "accused of having been involved in many illegal activities and of perhaps being involved in the death squads."

Salvadoran officials announced Wednesday that Mr. Duarte had disbanded the intelligence unit and security sections at other agencies as part of an effort to stop the activity of the death squads.

The United States said Thursday it welcomed the move. State Department Spokesman John Hughes said in Washington that the U.S. embassy in San Salvador had confirmed the actions had been taken "as part of President Duarte's move to improve the human rights situation in El Salvador."

Col. Golcher himself has just been appointed to replace the former head of the Treasury Police, Col. Nicholas Carranza, who was dismissed by Mr. Duarte.

Col. Golcher told reporters the 100 members of the S-2 unit had been transferred to military posts outside the capital where they would help to fight guerrillas.

He said the intelligence unit had been dissolved to try to improve

the image of the Treasury Police, one of three police forces in El Salvador, all of which have been accused of widespread human rights abuses.

Church and human rights groups have accused the Treasury Police of kidnapping and killing people suspected of involvement with guerrillas fighting the U.S.-backed government.

Another military officer, Col. Francisco Antonio Moran, resigned as head of the State Energy Commission last week after officials detained two of his bodyguards in connection with the kidnap and murder of Salvadoran businessman Jose Carlos Llori in March.

The two bodyguards were members of the S-2 unit.

## Australia, Spain named as sites for U.S. bases

WASHINGTON (R) — A team of military analysts has suggested to the Pentagon it consider western Australia and Spain as bases for the U.S. Rapid Deployment Force (RDF).

The proposal is outlined in "strategic requirements for the army to the year 2000", a study by experts from the Georgetown University Centre of Strategic and International Studies (CSIS) on Defence Department contract.

The analysts' general conclusions — that it was highly unlikely the United States would wage another European land war but would face low-intensity unconventional conflict elsewhere in the world — were released by the Pentagon last year. But details emerged when the book was issued by the CSIS this week.

Examining possible army missions in the 1990s, the analysts suggested the RDF — recently

renamed the U.S. Central Command — be expanded to six divisions from its current planned five and deployed abroad.

"Two possible locations — although at sizeable political cost — would be in Spain and in western Australia," they said.

The analysts said the RDF forces in these countries would be trained, organised and equipped for Third World contingencies. Their positioning would increase deployment speed and enable them to be used as strategic reserves for Europe and East Asia.

Both forces would be within striking distance of the Gulf. Spain could be used as a jumping-off point for Latin America and North Africa, while Australia could be used for operations in South East Asia and South Africa, they said.

"Adequate training areas exist

— both Spain and Australia have suitable desert and mountainous areas — and hopefully all participating units would be sufficiently 'light' so that both pre-positioned and transportable equipment would be available to them," they said.

A potential deployment could be one airborne brigade followed by an infantry division with mechanised or high-technology equipment, they added.

The RDF was created by President Jimmy Carter to protect Middle Eastern oil supplies after Soviet intervention in Afghanistan and the seizure of American hostages in Iran. It is based in the United States.

The CSIS study was commissioned by the army staff as part of a programme to develop long-range forecasts and to map out strategic requirements.

## Reagan softens terms for U.S.-Soviet summit

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan appears to have eased his conditions for summit talks with Soviet leaders, saying he would be willing to meet without a rigid agenda or guarantees of tangible results.

"All I can tell you is that by what I call quiet diplomacy we are in contact with these people trying to establish a basis for talks," he told a news conference Thursday night.

The president used the "quiet diplomacy" phrase three times during the 35-minute session as he tried to outline his efforts to thaw icy relations with Moscow without revealing specifics.

Under questioning, Mr. Reagan said he would be willing to meet Soviet leader Konstantin Chernenko even if the Soviet Union did not return to nuclear arms control negotiations.

The subject of disrupted U.S.-Soviet arms control talks has been an especially sensitive one for Mr. Reagan, who faces an election campaign against Democrats

who blame him for the breakdown, and that subject dominated the news conference.

Soviet negotiators walked out of two sets of talks on strategic and medium-range nuclear weapons last November, and Mr. Chernenko has said the United States must show serious intention to negotiate before they will return.

The president seized on that stand Thursday night to redirect the blame back toward Moscow. He said Moscow was now the party demanding conditions, adding: "I'm willing to meet and talk any time. So far, they're the ones who have not been responding."

Pressed as to whether he was dropping his earlier demands for a precise working agenda and advance assurances of productive results, Mr. Reagan replied: "I'm not talking about a preconstructed meeting in which you write a list of points."

He said he would accept an agenda covering "the general area of the things" that could bring better understanding.

## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN  
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### VANDERBILT'S VICTORY

DEAR READERS: We have had many requests over the years for those hands that we consider to be our favorites. That makes quite a list. For the time being, therefore, we are devoting the Sunday column to a series of famous hands. At the end of the series, we will go back to our weekly question and answer column. Both vulnerable. West deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ A 109  
♥ K 85  
♦ 107  
♣ J 8763

**EAST**  
♠ J 7652  
♥ A 74  
♦ K Q J 92  
♣ K 52

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 83  
♥ Q 92  
♦ 843  
♣ A Q 10

The bidding:  
West North East South  
Pass Pass Pass 1 ♠  
3 ♠ 3 ♠ Pass 4 ♠  
Pass Pass Dble Pass  
Pass Pass

Opening lead: King of ♠.

It has always seemed to us that Harold "Mike" Vanderbilt has never been accorded his just due by historians of contract bridge. Not only did he invent the game in 1925, but he became one of its great practitioners. He donated the cup for the National Team of Four Championship that bears his name, then proceeded to win it the fifth year that it was in competition. He developed the first artificial club system back in the early days of the game, and his methods were largely incorporated into all the succeeding artificial club systems. And he was close to being the world's slowest player, sometimes driving partner and opponents to distraction as he

pondered over a problem.

This hand is from a high-stake rubber bridge game many years ago. North can be excused for his three spade bid — even today's stars would be in a quandary with the North hand. Vanderbilt felt that, since the opponents held the diamond suit, all North's cards would be working, so he ventured to four spades, and East expressed doubt that he would fulfill his goal.

West cashed two high diamonds and then shifted to the jack of hearts — had he simply continued with a third diamond, he would almost surely have set the hand. Vanderbilt was quick to take advantage of his reprieve.

He ducked the heart in dummy and won the queen in hand when East, too, played low. Since West surely had the ten of hearts for his shift to the jack, declarer continued with a low heart to the eight. East took the ace and, with nothing better to do, exited with a heart to the table's king.

Declarer ran the nine of spades, then led the jack of clubs. When that won, he took another club finesse and cashed the ace of clubs to bring about this position:

**NORTH**  
♠ A 10  
♥ —  
♦ —  
♣ 87

**EAST**  
♠ J 765  
♥ —  
♦ —  
♣ —

**SOUTH**  
♠ K Q 8  
♥ —  
♦ 4  
♣ —

The rest was easy. Declarer ruffed his diamond with the ace of trumps as East underuffed, then ran the ten of trumps to pick up the suit and make his contract!

## COLUMN

### Marked women demolish pub

BERLIN (AP) — Thirty marked women wrecked havoc in a West Berlin bar to protest the owner's alleged mistreatment of women police said Thursday. The women smashed bottles, glasses and a mirror, smeared paint on the walls, splashed a foul-smelling liquid on the floor and damaged a telephone, police said. Their faces masked with scarves, the raiders invaded the bar in West Berlin's working-class Kreuzberg district at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. After smashing the premises, they dropped leaflets urging patrons to boycott the bar to protest alleged insults suffered by women guests, police said. A police statement gave no estimate of the damage and did not say how many people witnessed the raid. Identities of the women were not known and there were no arrests.

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